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Westbrook Man Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charge

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that a federal judge sitting in Portland yesterday sentenced **Steven Riquinha**, 37, formerly of Westbrook, Maine, to nearly eight years and four months in prison for being a felon in possession of stolen firearms.

According to court records, on April 5, 2005, Richard Dimott and Steven Riquinha burglarized a York County home and stole 17 firearms and three other weapons. All but one of the firearms were recovered during the execution of search warrants on Dimott's vehicle and a storage unit belonging to Riquinha. Following his term of imprisonment, Riquinha will be on federal supervised release for three years. Last month, Dimott received a 12-year sentence for his role in the offense.

This case is part of Maine's **Project Safe Neighborhoods** initiative, which is designed to reduce gun violence and illegal gun possession. United States Attorney Silsby said that the investigation leading to the convictions and sentences in this case was conducted by the York County Sheriff's Office, the Westbrook Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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